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(MEMPHIS - MEMPHIS SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1092)

DATE: 3/6/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE,
MEMPHIS, TENN.
RM

OO: Memphis

On 2/27/68 at approximately 1 p.m. [REDACTED]

JOHN BURRELL SMITH and CHARLES S. BALLARD, who have admitted [REDACTED] as being black power leaders of a SNCC -oriented group [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had "bummed" rides [REDACTED] as far as Clayborn Temple, 280 Hernando, which is the headquarters for demonstrators supporting the current sanitation strike in Memphis. They both indicated that they were going to participate in some of that day's activities.

[REDACTED] noticed BALLARD at the bus stop at Danny Thomas Boulevard and Vance.

It is noted that later during the afternoon of 2/27/68 about 600 Negro sympathizers, plus a few whites, converged on the Memphis City Hall to attend the public weekly session of the Memphis City Council, and that JOHN B. SMITH and CHARLES BALLARD were observed by SAs HOWELL S. LOWE and WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE in attendance.

SA LOWE is dictating a separate memorandum concerning his personal contact with some of these people during this period of time.

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1 - 170-114 [REDACTED]

1 - 157-957 [REDACTED]

1 - 170-1024 [REDACTED]

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